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Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	20 February 2007
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Discussion Item	Discussion of Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee (MCNAC) Recommendations
Background	<p>Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee (MCNAC), established by the Council in 2005 to serve in an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to the existence and expansion of the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College, has been meeting with representatives from the College to address a number of matters of mutual interest and concern. Recent discussions have focused on the College's Master Plan, future programming needs, and features of recently completed projects, specifically the air handling/mechanical equipment located on the roof of the Commons Building.</p> <p>Acting pro-actively to address concerns that the College be provided sufficient funds to adequately address the concerns of the Committee and the planning resources needed to implement its recommendations, MCNAC has submitted the accompanying resolution for Council consideration.</p> <p>The Resolution - "Renovation of the Commons Building and Future Expansion Issues at the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College" - seeks Council support for State and County funding for the interior renovation of the Commons Building and the purchase of adjacent commercial properties in Silver Spring which it is believed would address the College's anticipated programming needs. If adopted by the Council, the Resolution would provide the Committee and the College with additional leverage to secure needed funding for requested improvements and to advocate for the purchase of additional commercial property in Silver Spring.</p> <p>Presenting the proposed resolution will be Richard D. Weil, Chairman of the MCNAC, and Lorraine Pearsall, Vice Chairman and author of the accompanying resolution. Representing the College will be Dr. Brad J. Stewart, Vice President and Provost of Montgomery College.</p>
Policy	<p>Master Plan Vision: "To serve the educational needs of students, while providing a quality campus environment and a community resource."</p> <p>Recommendations: "Support expansion within the campus master plan area . . . (and) maintain compatibility with adjacent residential communities."</p> <p><i>Takoma Park Master Plan (Approved and Adopted December 2000)</i></p>

Fiscal Impact	N/A
Attachments	Resolution of support for the Renovation of the Commons Building and Future Expansion Issues at the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College
Recommendation	To discuss the proposed resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**Resolution 2007 -
Renovation of the Commons Building and Future Expansion Issues at the Takoma
Park Campus of Montgomery College**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park appreciates and recognizes the need to renovate the interior of the Commons Building on the Montgomery College's Takoma Park Campus;
AND

WHEREAS, the renovation of the Commons Building is dependent upon adequate funding from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County for completion in FY08;
AND

WHEREAS, Montgomery College is committed to working constructively and cooperatively with the Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee to successfully ensure that the new air handling/mechanical equipment on the Commons Building will be both as remote and hidden from Takoma and New York residences as possible and will be quiet in its operation; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park also recognizes the need for Montgomery College to expand the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus for programming in the future and that the College and North Takoma residents have worked successfully on the realignment of Fenton Street and the design and building of the new Student Services Building to that end; AND

WHEREAS, Montgomery College has expanded into South Silver Spring because of the small size of the Takoma Park Campus and the proximity of the adjacent Takoma Park Historic District; AND

WHEREAS, the Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee has expressed a concern that the Montgomery College Facility Master Plan is considering expansion on the existing Takoma Park Campus adjacent to the Takoma Park Historic District rather than South Silver Spring; AND

WHEREAS, the Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee has also expressed a concern regarding the continued availability of adjacent Silver Spring commercial property and the possibility of the College becoming land-locked in the future; AND

WHEREAS, the Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee was established by Council Resolution 2005-33 to serve in an advisory role to the City Council on matters related to the existence and expansion of the Takoma Park Campus of Montgomery College.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND HEREBY:

1. Expresses support of Montgomery College's need to obtain funding for the interior renovation of the Commons Building from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County with the understanding that the issues pertaining to the noise, location and visibility of the new air handling/mechanical equipment on the Commons Building will be successfully resolved.
2. Agrees that there is a need to begin investigation and dialogue with County and State officials on the acquisition of adjacent commercial properties in Silver Spring for the purpose of future Montgomery College programming needs due to the constraints of the Takoma Park Campus, and that the concerns in this regard should be recognized in the Montgomery College Facility Master Plan.
3. Expresses appreciation to Montgomery College for constructively working together with the City of Takoma Park and the Montgomery College Neighborhood Advisory Committee on the resolution of these Takoma Park Campus renovation and expansion issues, which are of importance to the City of Takoma Park.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2007

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk